The Common Experience contributes to High Point University’s holistic, values-based education by engaging first-year students, faculty, and staff in a year-long, multi-faceted inquiry into an issue of enduring importance inside and outside of the classroom.
Common Read
A theme-related book provided to all incoming students to provide a shared intellectual experience through exploration and discussion.

First Year Seminars/English 1103
After students choose their housing, they can enroll in a seminar or English course assigned to that community to create clusters that bridge the classroom and residence hall.

In-Hall Educational Programming
Based on the courses assigned to the residence hall, faculty can partner with Residence Life staff to enhance learning in the halls through course-related programming.

Panther Chats
One-on-one conversations between Resident Assistants and residents that allow students to actively reflect on their experience at HPU.

Community Meetings
Students will meet monthly to build relationships as a floor unit, address concerns as a community, and discuss a specific topic related to the Common Experience theme.

Community Agreements
At the first Community Meeting, Resident Assistants facilitate the formation of a Community Agreement stating the expectations residents have for the community. The Agreement is revisited monthly and amended as needed.